

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

After entry of this paper, elected claims of Group I, namely, claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 8-10 and 19-21 are pending. These claims are elected without traverse and all pending claims are believed to encompass the elected invention and species. Claims 1, 5, 7, 18, 22, 28-29, 40-42 and 47 are cancelled. Claims 11-17, 23-27, 30-39, 43-46, 48 and 49 are withdrawn as non-elected claims. Claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 19, 20 and 21 are amended to recite the protein chaperonin 10, correct dependencies and/or clarify the claim language. All amended and new claims are supported in the specification.

Applicants reserve the right to refile any non-elected claim in a divisional application or any other cancelled subject matter in a continuation application.

Applicants have elected Group I, with the species of protein and the marker chaperonin 10, as disclosed in Table 1. All pending claims fall within the elected group and species.

No fee is believed due with this response. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment in any fees, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3040.

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